# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4083
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2015
Suvidha Trains
Angadi Shri Suresh Chanabasappa;Chowdhary Shri Pankaj

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of Suvidha trains being run by the Railways for the convenience of passengers and the fare structure therefor;
(b) whether the fares fixed for these trains are higher than that of normal trains;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to revise the fares being charged in these Suvidha trains in the public interest and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether Suvidha/Premium trains are running to their full capacity;
(e) if not, whether the Government proposes to convert them into superfast trains for the convenience of the public; and
(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4083 BY SHRI SURESH C. ANGADI AND SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.12.2015 REGARDING SUVIDHA TRAINS

(a): With effect from 01.07.2015, Suvidha trains have been introduced in place of Premium trains for meeting demand peaks as may arise from time to time during summer, winter, festivals and on other occasions. Minimum fare of Suvidha trains is equal to Tatkal fare applicable for the class of accommodation for initial 20% of the berths and thereafter the fare increases for each subsequent slab of 20% of seats/berths booked subject to maximum three times of the Tatkal fare. Apart from e-ticketing, tickets are also booked through PRS counters and there is provision for refund. No concession, child fare, free passes etc. are permissible in this train.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): At present, there is no such proposal to revise the fare structures of Suvidha trains.
(d) to (f): The occupancy of some of the Suvidha/Premium trains are very high. At present there is no such proposal for converting these trains into superfast trains. Suvidha trains are run as additional services over and above the time-tabled trains during peak seasons. They do not displace the regular services but complement them by providing a facility for travel at short notice by paying higher fares.
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